

September 2026 Newsletter

The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Perry is a family that finds ways of supporting growth through the connection of worship and the compassionate care of our church members and community.



Giving Report

Attendance Report	8:15 AM	10:30 AM	6:00 PM	YouTube
8/9/25	44	89	n/a	16
8/16/26	37	73	n/a	10
8/23/26	41	88	n/a	12
8/30/26	43	90	n/a	22

8/9/26	General	\$4,432.00
8/9/26	Restricted-Book Study	\$12.00
8/9/26	Restricted-CWF Fundraiser	\$100.00
8/16/26	General	\$3,288.50
8/16/26	Restricted-Book Study	\$20.00
8/16/26	Restricted-CWF Fundraiser	\$20.00
8/16/26	Restricted-Operation Blessing	\$100.00
8/16/26	Restricted-Fellowship Committee	\$400.00
8/23/26	General	\$2,209.00
8/23/26	Restricted-Book Study	\$12.00
8/23/26	Restricted-N. Wells Cardstock	\$26.89
8/30/26	General	\$2,819.00
8/30/26	Restricted-N. Wells Printer Ink	\$30.00
Total:		\$13,469.39

BE joyful
IN HOPE
patient
IN AFFLICTION
faithful
IN PRAYER

ROMANS 12:12

The church office will be closed Monday, September 7th, for Labor Day.

JOSH'S JOTTINGS

A Season of New Beginnings

September always brings a sense of renewed energy. School is underway, routines are returning, and the life of the church is filling with opportunities to worship, learn, serve, and enjoy one another. Looking at everything happening at First Christian Church this month, I cannot help but feel excited about the season ahead.

Our Tuesday morning Bible Study begins September 8 at 9:00 a.m. as we journey through Paul's letter to the Romans and explore its message of grace, faith, and reconciliation. The Women's Fall Book Study also meets on Thursday mornings. These gatherings give us room to ask questions, grow together, and listen for the ways God is still speaking into our lives.

Music and fellowship will once again fill our building. The Chancel Choir and Bell Choir return on Wednesday evenings, Twirling continues on Wednesday afternoons, and Pickleball meets on Tuesdays and Fridays. The Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast, CWF Bunko, the elders' luncheon, and the faithful work of our Quilters offer still more ways to strengthen friendships and make room for new ones.

September is especially exciting for our children and youth. Youth Group meets September 13 and 20, followed by Grace After Sundown. Caraway Street begins September 20, Disciples Kids returns September 23, and Youth Nerf Night closes the month on September 27. These ministries remind our young people that they are loved, that they belong, and that they have an important place in the church.

We will also put our faith into action by serving at the Soup Kitchen on September 10. Our leaders and committees will gather throughout the month to guide our shared ministry, and several community groups and reunions will use our building. Every open door is an opportunity to practice hospitality and share the love of Christ.

There is something for nearly everyone this September. Whether you join a study, sing in a choir, serve a meal, attend a fellowship gathering, work with children, play pickleball, or invite someone to come with you, you are helping shape the future of our church. Let us step into this new season together, ready to Love First, Give First, and Forgive First. I cannot wait to see what God will do among us.

— Rev. Dr. Joshua Bell

BIBLE STUDY BEGINS TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8TH @ 9:00 AM

ROMANS

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH



FCC @
Soup
Kitchen

September 10, 2026
Meet @ 4:30 PM at the Methodist Church.

STEWARDSHIP *Minute*

The person who serves others
well will never run out of
opportunities.

I Peter 4:10 - "Each one should
use whatever gift he has
received to serve others,
faithfully administering God's
grace in its various forms." (NIV)

Christian Women's Fellowship

The CWF Leadership Team would like to express their appreciation to all those who attended the luncheon and "fundraiser." All total \$758.25 was raised. These monies will be used towards CWF Missions.

But were not done yet! On September 22 we will have a BUNCO night, starting at 5:30 PM a social (bring your own snacks) and starting at 6:00 PM CWF will have a "cool" dessert between sessions.

October 14 the Leadership Team will be at D-Street Bakery from 11:30-1:00 PM for anyone wanting a reason to eat out and get a CWF yearbook! Also to see the "new business in town!"

November 7 is a date to learn the art of finger knitting; led by our own, beautiful & talented Carman Lowe Bell. More information to come.

Other "together times" are being planned, so stay tuned for MORE TO COME!

CHOIR NOTES

It was so nice to have everyone back for choir practice!
We have such fun together!

I would like to invite students in 7th grade and up to join the Chancel Choir. You need to be willing to commit to practice every Wednesday evening from 6-7:00 and warmups on Sunday mornings at 10:00. Please let me know if you are interested. We would love to have you sing with us!

Keep a song in your heart!
Paula

September Birthdays

Quinton Bell 9/2
Max Carris 9/3
Kylee Klingsmith 9/3
Sharon Boyd 9/5
Kayley Wilda 9/5
Sheri Justus 9/6
Sean McLain 9/13
Jenna Thompson 9/15
Glenna McKenzie 9/16
Kaelyn Roberts 9/17
Sharon Worrell 9/19
Codi Hodge 9/22
Janice Hansen 9/22
Donna Parrish 9/22
Brett Sandy 9/26
Susan Richardson 9/28
Marilyn Ewy 9/28
Lila Johnson 9/30

Thank You from the Gideons

On behalf of the Gideons International, thank you for your generous gift of \$100.00. We are sincerely grateful for your kindness and support of the ministry. Your gift helps make it possible to distribute scriptures so that people may encounter the hope and truth of Jesus. We deeply appreciate your partnership in the kingdom work. Your generosity and partnership with the Gideons makes it possible to get God's Word around the world. May the Lord richly bless you!

September Anniversaries

Willie & Ashley Bode 9/12
Nolan & Jenny Barrientos 9/15

ELDERS' LUNCHEON & MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23, 2026
12:00 PM
@ PAM LIGHTFOOT'S HOME



BEGINS SEPTEMBER 20TH 9:30 AM

Youth Ministry REPORT

September 2026



Youth group-

Sunday, August 23rd- 13 youth members gathered to play games and celebrate the start of the school year. They played Clue, Sorry, Laugh You're Out, Corn Hole, and a few others.

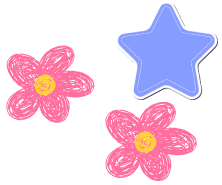
Our regular meetings will begin Sunday, September 13th. The 5th-7th grade will meet from 5pm to 6pm. The 8th-12th grade will meet from 5:30 to 7pm. Both groups will have an activity to participate in together from 5:30 to 6pm. Bobby Cunningham is coordinating the activity and Hannah Vaughn is leading the lessons. Once a month there will be an activity night or outing for all members from 5-7pm. September's activity is the last Sunday of the month and will be a Nerf Night.

Sunday School-

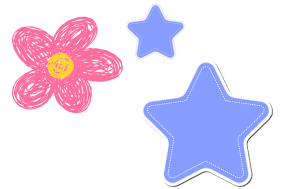
This month the youth Sunday School group started their mentorship sessions. Each Sunday between the 2 worships services a member of the church leads a discussion with our junior high and high school Sunday school members. This month Hannah Vaughn lead 3 sessions- each about expectations, compassion, and respect. Johnny Fuller spoke about courtesy and consideration for others. And Levi Karcher spoke about hard work vs rest.

The group looks forward to hearing from Pam Lightfoot, Kate Lane, Sherry Deboard, Angie Schweer, and Norma Hughes Clingerman in the upcoming weeks.

If you would be interested in leading a mentorship conversation, please email Hannah Vaughn at hannahmj@gmail.com.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Heroes Needed—And We Need YOU!

September is almost here and Disciples Kids will be starting before we know it! The program begins September 23! Right now, our greatest need is Shepherd volunteers! We still need caring adults who are willing to spend Wednesday afternoons encouraging, guiding, and building relationships with our kids. No teaching experience or lesson preparation is required. We simply need people who are willing to show up, lend a helping hand, and help make Disciples Kids a safe, fun, and welcoming place. We also need weekly snack donations. Homemade treats are welcome, as well as individually packaged snacks. Whether you provide snacks for one Wednesday or several, every donation is greatly appreciated!

September 23 is quickly approaching and we need your help to make this year possible! If you have been thinking about getting involved, now is the time!

Emily Androes



580-336-4576

Emily Androes, Children's Ministry Coordinator



BACK-TO SCHOOL BASH & YOUTH GAME NIGHT

Begins September 23rd

DISCIPLES KIDS

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

HEROES OF FAITH

WEDNESDAYS
3:30 – 5:00

GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 5TH GRADE

AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

SCAN ME!

BIBLE STORIES FRIENDSHIP FAITH GAMES CRAFTS STEM

Join our Facebook Page :FCC Perry Disciples Kids for updates and more!

FCC Youth Group

September 2026 Meetings & Activities

Sunday, September 13th (1st meeting)
Focus: Personality types and working together.
 5th-7th grade meets 5:00-6:00 PM
 8th-12th grade meets 5:30-7:00 PM

Sunday, September 20th (2nd meeting)
Focus: The Five Love Languages and showing compassion
 5th-7th grade meets 5:00-6:00 PM
 8th-12th grade meets 5:30-7:00 PM

September Youth Activity-Nerf Night
Sunday, September 27th, 5:00-7:00 PM
 Bring a friend!

Bring snacks to share for our youth group meetings.
 Hannah will provide the sodas.
 *individually wrapped snacks only, please.

Hannah Vaughan, FCC Youth Ministry Coordinator
 Email: hannahmj@gmail.com

PERRY food pantry

UPCOMING SHOPPING DATES!

FRIDAY SEP 11 | 10 AM-12 PM
 THURSDAY SEP 24 | 5 PM-7 PM
 FRIDAY OCT 9 | 10 AM-12 PM
 THURSDAY OCT 22 | 5 PM-7 PM

736 ELM STREET
 (CORNER OF 8TH ST & ELM ST)
 PERRY, OK 73077

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

YOUTH CONNECTION

A FCC Perry Mentorship Sunday School Program

SUNDAY MORNINGS- 9:15AM-10:15AM

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YOUTH:

- TO GET TO KNOW ADULTS IN OUR CONGREGATION
- HEAR LIFE LESSONS IN GOD'S VIRTUES
- DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS
- LEARN TO RESPECT OTHERS OPINIONS
- HAVE RESPECTFUL DISCUSSIONS

ADULTS-SIGN UP FOR A MENTORSHIP SUNDAY

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 hannahmj@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reoccurring Events:

Sunday School : Sundays 9:30 AM

Sunday Worship Services: 8:15 AM 10:30 AM

Grace After Sundown Sundays 6:00 PM

Caraway Street: Resumes Sept. 20th 9:30 AM

Disciples Kids: Resumes in September 23rd

Youth: Resumes Sept. 13th

Chancel Choir: Wednesday 6:00 PM

Bell Choir: Wednesdays 7:00 PM (except the 2nd Wed. of the month)

Bible Study: Bible Study Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

Disciples Women: 4th Tuesday of the month 6PM

Quilters: Thursdays 1:00 PM

Pickleball: Tuesdays & Fridays @10 AM

Christian Women's Fellowship: Events scheduled throughout the year.

Christian Men's Fellowship breakfast: 3rd Saturday of the month 7:00 AM.

STAY CONNECTED

FCC PERRY YOUTH



WEEKLY
REMINDERS FOR
MEETINGS AND
TOPICS.

MONTHLY
ACTIVITIES
AND
OUTINGS



SCAN ME

FALL 5TH THROUGH 12TH
GRADES



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Rev. Dr. Joshua Bell, Sr. Minister
Shiloah Kennedy, Administrative Assistant
Emily Androes, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Hannah Vaughan, Youth Ministry Coordinator
Paula Shryock, Music Director
Nancy Wells, Organist
Karen Douglass, Pianist
Bobby Cunningham, AV tech
Ted Loring, AV Tech
Sharon Worrell, Custodian

Thank you for reading!

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Christian Ed. Committee Meeting 3:00 PM	Labor Day The church office is closed.	Bible Study Begins 9:00 AM Pickleball 10:00 AM	Ministerial Alliance meeting Board meeting 6:00 PM	Women's Fall Book Study 10:00 AM Quilters 1:00 PM Soup Kitchen 4:30	Pickleball 10:00 AM	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Youth Begins 5th-7 th 5:00 PM 8th-12 th 5:30 PM Grace After Sundown 6:00 PM		Bible Study 9:00 AM Pickleball 10:00 AM	Chancel Choir 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM	No Women's Fall Book Study this week. Worship Committee meeting 5:30 PM	Pickleball 10:00 AM homeschool group 1-3:00 PM Set-up for Sumner School Reunion- multipurpose	CMF 7:00 AM Sumner School Reunion- multipurpose room 12-4
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Caraway St. begins 9:30 Youth 5th-7 th 5:00 PM 8th-12 th 5:30 PM Grace After Sundown 6:00 PM	Stewardship Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Clergy retreat 20th- 22nd	Bible Study 9:00 AM Pickleball 10:00 AM CWF Bunko 5:30-8:00 PM Disc. Women 6:00 PM	See You at the Pole Elders' Lunch 12:00 PM Disciples Kids 3:30 PM Chancel Choir 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM	Women's Fall Book Study 10:00 AM Quilters 1:00 PM	Pickleball 10:00 AM	
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